

GRANTING SUBPOENA POWER TO  
COMMISSION INVESTIGATING BP  
DEEPWATER OIL SPILL

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 23, 2010*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of today's legislation to give the President's bipartisan Oil Spill Commission the subpoena power it needs to get to the bottom of why the Deepwater Horizon disaster happened and what steps are needed to make sure it never happens again.

For the Commission to complete its work in a timely and effective manner, it must have unfettered access to any witness, record or piece of evidence necessary to shed light on the catastrophe unfolding in the Gulf. Once we understand exactly what happened and why, we can hold the responsible parties fully accountable and take comprehensive corrective action.

Since the Deepwater Horizon sank on April 22, 2010, Congress has held its own oversight hearings on the crisis and enacted legislation enabling the Coast Guard to obtain advances from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund in order to finance the ongoing mitigation efforts. Additionally, the House has passed legislation to strengthen the solvency of the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund so that taxpayers will not have to foot the bill for the Deepwater Horizon clean up.

Madam Speaker, this is necessary legislation. It has ample precedent in previous national crises. I urge its immediate passage.

IN MEMORY OF DONNA JEVEN'S

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2010*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in memory Donna Jevens, a close friend of mine and my wife, Janice, and anyone who ever knew her or worked with her.

Donna was a vivacious woman who was the center of all that was positive. She worked with me for nearly 7 years in my Ventura County office, retiring to Surprise, Arizona, with her husband and high school sweetheart, Jim, in 2000. Donna was one of my case workers, handling every problem with efficiency and great empathy for the people whose problems she helped to solve. My staff do not consider themselves coworkers; they are family and Donna was an integral member of our family.

She also worked for another member of this chamber, Representative TOM MCCLINTOCK, when TOM was a State representative. TOM and I both remember an unflappable personality with an ever-present smile. Her very presence brightened a room.

Just before she died earlier this month, Janice and I traveled with my district director Paula Sheil to Arizona to visit Donna and Jim. Though near death, Donna was still upbeat and positive. She was a remarkable woman and will be remembered dearly.

Prior to her work with Representative MCCLINTOCK and me, Donna was an elemen-

tary school teacher. Donna was a proud member of the Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority at the University of Wisconsin, from which she graduated in 1961. She was also a longtime member of P.E.O., Camarillo Chapter UM, in California.

During their retirement, Donna and Jim traveled the world and often visited their children and grandchildren.

Aside from Jim, her husband of nearly 50 years, Donna is survived by her son, Rob, in Chicago; and son, Tom, daughter-in-law Heather, and granddaughters Emily and Allison, in San Jose, California.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in sending our condolences to Donna's family and in remembering a remarkable public servant, mom, grandmother, wife and friend whose spirit will live within us forever.

Godspeed, Donna.

SAMANTHA HERBERT

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2010*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Samantha Herbert who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Samantha Herbert is a 7th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Samantha Herbert is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Samantha Herbert for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

HONORING RON GETTELFINGER  
FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE  
UAW

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*Wednesday, June 23, 2010*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleague JOHN DINGELL today to recognize the career of Ron Gettelfinger as president of the United Auto Workers. Ron joined the union in 1964 when he was working at the Ford Motor Company's Louisville assembly plant in Kentucky and soon took on a leadership role there. He later became a member of the Ford-UAW bargaining committee and director of UAW Region 3. In 1998, he was elected UAW vice president and in 2002 he became president.

Ron has been a strong advocate for his brothers and sisters—fighting for health care benefits, defending American manufacturing, and supporting labor protections in trade

agreements. He guided the UAW through some of the most challenging times for the U.S. auto industry, making tough decisions to save jobs and keep the plants running. His focus has always been on Main Street—on a fair deal for American workers.

I congratulate Ron on his service and wish him all the best in retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2010*

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the following recorded votes on the House floor the legislative week of Monday, June 14, 2010.

For Monday, June 14, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 355 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1368), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 356 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1409), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 357 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 5502).

For Tuesday, June 15, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 358 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1383), "no" on rollcall vote No. 359 (on agreeing to H. Res. 1436, which provides for consideration of H.R. 5486), "no" on rollcall vote No. 360 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 4855), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 361 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1389), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 362 (on motion to recommit H.R. 5486), "no" on rollcall vote No. 363 (on passage of H.R. 5486), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 364 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1322).

For Wednesday, June 16, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 365 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 242), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 366 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1422), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 367 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1414).

For Thursday, June 17, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 368 (on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 1448), "no" on rollcall vote No. 369 (on agreeing to H. Res. 1448, which provides for consideration of H.R. 5297), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 370 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1429), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 371 (on agreeing to the Israel amendment to H.R. 5297), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 372 (on agreeing to the Cao amendment to H.R. 5297), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 373 (on agreeing to the Miller (NC) amendment to H.R. 5297), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 374 (on motion to recommit H.R. 5297), "no" on rollcall vote No. 375 (on passage of H.R. 5297).

SARAH ELLIS

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2010*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Sarah Ellis